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A hydrolyzable resin composition and an antifouling coating composition containing the same

The present invention relates to a hydrolyzable resin

composition. More specifically, the invention concerns a hydrolyzable resin composition based on the resin having at least one side chain bearing a particular metal containing terminal group. The invention also concerns an antifouling coating composition containing said hydrolyzable resin

composition as a resinous vehicle.

Today, it is a very common to apply onto ship's bottom and the like an antifouling coating composition comprising an organic or inorganic antifouling agent and a resinous binder

In that case, since the antifouling effect is fully dependent on the antifouling agent dissolved out of the coating and the dissolution of said agent is primarily a diffusion phenomenon caused by a concentration gradient of

20 said agent in the coating, it is unable to expect a long lasting, stable antifouling effect with them.

15 as vinyl resin, alkyd resin and the like.

Further more, since the water insoluble resinous component will, after dissolution of said agent from the coating, form a skeleton structure, there are additional problems as

25 increase in resistance of friction between the ship surface and water, lowering of sailing speed, increase in sailing fuel and the like. Under the circumstances, an antifouling

ecating composition comprising an antifeuling agent and a nyurelyzable resin vehicle capable of forming a semparatively tough coating and being gradually decomposed by hydrolysis in sea water has become the center of public attention.

The present inventors had already found that a class of polyester resins having a number of metal-ester mondings in their polyester backbone chains are useful as a resinous vehicle in a polishing type antifouling paint, and applied for patent as Japanese Patent Application Nos. 165922/81 and 196900/83.

Such resins are of the nature of being easily hydrolyzed, under weak alkaline condition as in sea water, at the metalester bonding portions, disintegrated to a number of small,

15 low molecular weight segments and dissolved in sea water.

noweveer, said resins are primarily of comparatively low

molecular weight (e.g. upto about 2000) and are poor in
film-forming property, and therefore, said coating

compositions still have the problems of easy occurence of

Gracks and peeling of the formed coatings.

It the moderate level, it is indeed possible to improve the film-forming property, but, at that time, it will necessarily be attended with a marked screams in hymolycis property of the romin. To compensate the name, in the metal-ester monthly in the backpoin chain of the romin is increased in number, treve will live terminal problems

that the resulted resin is only soluble in a polar solvent and not in most solvents commonly used in a coating composition, and that the formed coating is swollen with sea water. These attemps would therefore, give no fruitful results, and thus, there leaves much to be desired. An attempt has also been made to use a resin whose side chain has a trialkyl tin ester portion as a terminal

gradually increased in proportion to the progress in hydrolysis of said ester portion, and the resin is finally dissolved in sea water.

group. In this type of resin, polarity of the resin is

Typical examples of such resins are acrylic resins having as a constitutional element tri organo tin salts of d, \(\beta\)unsaturated basic acids. In this case, in order to obtain a

15 stabilized, tough coating, the resin should preferably be free from hydrophilic goups if circumstances allow, and in order to ensure the dissolution of the hydrolyzed resin in sea water, the resin should preferably have as many hydrophilic goups as possible, i.e. more than a certain critical range, after said hydrolysis.

Therefore, in the preparation of such resin by the copolymerization of tri organo tin salt of d, A-unsaturated basic acid and other acrylic vinyl monomers, attempts have been made such that the former is presented in a higher concentration in the reaction system and the latter is selected from the members with no or least amount of

hydrophilic groups. Thus, a copolymer of acrylate,

acrylamide, styrene and the like containing 55 to 70 wt% of tri organo tin salt of α , β -unsaturated monobasic acid has been prepared and practically used.

In this type of resin, differing from the aforesaid

polyester resin having metal-ester bondings in its main
chain, hydrophilic carboxyl goups are generated at the time
when the tri organo tin portions at the side chains are
released through hydrolysis and the resin is only dissolved
in sea water at the stage where the concentration of said

carboxyl groups get to a certain critical point. The filmforming property of the resin is also excellent. However,
there includes a problem that a considerable quantity of
highly expense and toxic organo tin compound are essential.
Therefore, from both hygienic and economic point of view, it
has been longed for cuting the amount of obviating the use
of such material.

A principal object of the present invention is, therefore, to provide a novel type or hydrolyzable resin composition which has an excellent film-forming property and whose resin is characterized by having at the side chain portions a particular (moup capable of resulting a hydrophilic group through hydrolysis, being hydrolyzed and dissolved in sea water at an appropriate rate, and being prepared without the necessity of using a tri organo tin compound which is expensive and toxic material.

An additional organic is to provide an anticombing enating

composition based on said novel resin composition.

According to the present invention, the aforesaid objects are attained by providing a hydrolyzable resin composition consisting essentially of a resin having at least one side chain bearing at least one terminal group of the formula:

M is a metal selected from zinc, copper and tellurium; x is an integer of 1 to 2; R represents an organic acid residue selected from

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{l}}$ is a monovalent organic residue, and an organic solvent in which said resin is soluble, and a coating composition containing as a resin vehicle said hydrolyzable resin composition.

The novel hydrolyzable resin composition of this invention is characterized by comprising a resin which has at least one side chain bearing at least one terminal group of the aforesaid formula.

Such resin may be easily and advantageously prepared by either one of the following methods:

a method wherein a polymerizable unsaturated monomer having

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the desired organic acid metal ester bend at an end portion is first prepared and copolymerized with other polymerizable unsaturated monomer(s);

a method wherein a resin obtained by the copolymerization of a polymerizable unsaturated organic acid monomer with other polymerizable unsaturated monomer(s) is reacted with a monovalent organic acid and a metal oxide, chloride or hydroxide or is subjected to an ester exchange reaction with a monovalent carboxylic acid metal ester.

More specifically, the present resin composition may be prepared by either one of the following methods.

(1) A mixture of

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- (a) a metal oxide, hydroxide, sulfide or chloride,
- (b) a monovalent organic acid or its alkali metal salt, and (c) a polymerizable unsaturated organic acid or its alkali metal salt

is heated under stirring at a temperature lower than the decomposition temperature of the desired metal ester product, and the by-produced substances as alkali metal chloride, water, monovalent organic acid metal ester, bifunctional polymerizable unsaturated organic acid metal salt and the like are removed to obtain a purified metal ester between the polymerizable unsaturated organic acid and the monovalent organic acid. In the abovesaid reaction, it is not always necessary to use stoichicmetric amounts of (a), (r) and (c) and one may use, in terms or equivalent rati , (a) : (r) : (c) = 1 : 3.000 to obtain the

desired product.

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Thus obtained metal ester between the polymerizable unsaturated organic acid and the monovalent organic acid or the mixture of said metal ester and the monovalent organic metal ester is then subjected to a homopolymerization or a copolymerization with other copolymerizable monomer(s) to give the desired resin having at least one side chain bearing at least one metal ester containing terminal group.

- (2) Alternatively, a mixture of
- (d) a resin having at a side chain an organic acid or its alkali metal salt,
 - (e) a metal oxide, hydroxde, sulfide or chloride, and
 - (f) a monovalent organic acid

is heated under stirring at a temperature lower than the decomposition temperature of the desired metal ester containing resin, and the by-produced substances are removed, if desired, to obtain a resin having at least one side chain bearing the desired metal ester terminal group. As the ratio of these materials in this reaction, it is preferred to use, in terms of equivalent ratio, (d): (e): (f) = 1: 0.8~1.5: 0.8~2 and more preferably 1: 1.0~1.2: 1.0~1.5.

When a low boiling monovalent organic acid is selected and the reaction is accompanied by a dehydration, there is a fear that the monovalent organic acid is distilled off together with water out of the system and a metal bonding is occured beteen the resins, therby causing the increase in

viscosity and gelation of the product, and therefore, it is preferred to use a higher amount of (f) than the abovesaid range.

- (3) Alternatively, the desired product may be prepared by reacting a tesin having at a side chain an organic acid (g) and a monovalent organic acid metal ester (h) at a temperature of not higher than the decomposition temperature of the desired product, thereby effecting an ester exchange reaction between the materials used.
- In this reaction, when the selected monovalent organic aicd is of low boiling nature (as, for example, acetic acid), there is a fear that a metal ester bonding is liable to be occured between the resins and therefore, the reaction should be carefully controlled and proceeded with.
- Usually, the material (h) is used in an amount of 0.3 to 3 equivalent, more preferably 0.4 to 2.5 equivalent, per equivalent of organic acid in resin (g).
 - organic acid (c), the following may be advantageously used each separately or in combination of two and more of them: methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, p-styrene sultonic acid, 2-methyl-2-acrylamice propane sulfonic acid, methacryl acid phosphoxy propyl, methacryl 3-chloro-2-acid phosphoxy propyl, methacryl acid phosphoxy ethyl, itaconic acid,

In the aforesaid methods, as the polymerizable unsaturated

maleic acid, maleic annydrise, noncalkyl itacomate (e.g. merhyl, ethyl, putyl, 2-ctryl hexyl and the like', moncalkyl maleate (c.g. methyl, ethyl, putyl, 1-ethyl hexyl and the

like); half-ester of acid anhydride with hydroxyl containing polymerizable unsaturated monomer (e.g. half-ester of succinic anhydride, maleic anhydride or phthalic anhydride with 2-hydroxy ethyl (meth) acrylate.

As the monovalent organic acid (b), any of aliphatic, aromatic, alicyclic or heterocyclic organic acids may be advantageously used. Typical Examples of such acids are as follows:

acetic acid, propionic acid, levulinic acid benzoic acid, salicylic acid, lactic acid, 3,5-dichlorobenzoic acid, lauric acid, stearic acid, nitrobenzoic acid, linolenic acid, ricinoleic acid, 12-hydroxy stearic acid, fluoroacetic acid, pulvinic acid, abietic acid, mercaptobenzothiazole, ocresotic acid, naphthol-l-carboxylic acid, p-phenyl benzene sulfonic acid, p-oxybenzoic acid, chloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, naphthenic acid, β -naphthalene sulfonic acid, naphthol-1-sulfonic acid, 5-chloro- α , α -bis (3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxyphenyl) toluene sulfonic acid, pphenyl benzoic acid, p-toluene sulfonic acid, p-benzene chlorosulfonic acid, dimethyl dithio carbamic acid, diethyl dithio carbamic acid, dibutyl dithiocarbamic aicd, lithocholic acid, phenoxy acetic acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxy acetic acid, pivalic acid, valeric acid, various synthetic fatty acids and the like.

In the present invention, as the organic acid capable of being hydrolyzed to release the antifouling metallic ions from their bound form, any of the abovementioned acids may

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be satisfactorily used. However, if desired, the organic acid per se may also be participated in the antifolding effect and at that time, selection is made of a monovalent organic acid having an antifolding property. Such acid may be easily found out from various organic acids customarily used as agricultural agents, medicins, repellents, fungicides, bactericides, preservatives and the like, by conducting a simple test wherein a sample amount of acid is placed in a cavity of test plate, the test plate is covered with a wire net and dipped in sea water for a defined period of time and thereafter, adhesion of marine livings on the wire net is examined. It would be quite easy for those skilled in the art to find out an appropriate acid by the aforesaid test.

More specifically, the followings are advantageously used for this erg.

(1) -0-C- bearing compounds:

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aliphatic acid as levulinic acid; alicyclic acids as naphthenic acid chaulmoogric acid, hydnocarpusic acid, neo abietic acid, levo pimaric acid, palustric acid, 2-methylbicyclo- 2,z,l -heptane-2-carboxylic acid; arematic carboxylic acids as salicylic acid, cresotic acid, d-naphtheic acid, \$-naphtheic acid, p-oxy penzoic acid; halogen containing aliphatic acids as monochlore acetic acid.

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2,4,5-trichloro phenoxy acetic acid, 2,4-dichloro phenoxy acetic acid, 3,5-dichloro benzoic acid; organo nitrogen containing acids as quinoline carboxylic acid, nitro benzoic acid, dinitro benzoic acid, nitronaphthalene carboxylic acid; lactone series carboxylic acids as pulvinic acid, vulpinic acid; uracil derivatives as uracil-4-carboxylic acid, 5-fluoro uracil-4-carboxylic acid, uracil-5-carboxylic acid; penicillin structure bearing carboxylic acids as penicillin V, ampicillin, penicillin BT, penicillanic acid, penicillin G, penicillin O; Rifamycin B, Lucensomycin, Salcomycin, chloroamphenicol, variotin, Trypacidine and the like; and various synthetic fatty acids.

An alcoholic hydroxy containing antiofouling agent may be

reacted with an acid anhydride (e.g. succinic anhydride, maleic anhydride, phthalic anhydride, tetrahydrophthalic anhydride or the like) to obtain the corresponding half-ester and used as a monovalent organic acid having an antifouling property.

Examples of such hydroxy containing antifouling agents are testosterone, uridine, thymidine, L-menthol, cinnamic alcohol, citronellol, geraniol, \(\beta\)-phenyl ethyl alcohol, benzyl alcohol, maltol, Linalool, dimethyl benzyl carbinol, Rosinol and the like.

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25 (2) -S-C- bearing compounds:

dimethyl dithiocarbamate and other dithiocarbamates

sulfur containing aromatic compounds as 1-naphthol-4-sulfonic acid, p-phenyl benzene sulfonic acid, β -naphthalene sulfonic acid, quinoline sulfonic acid

(5) -S- bearing compounds:

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or

 $-S-C$
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bearing compounds

phenol, cresol, xylenol, thymol, carvacol, eugenol, ispeugenol, phenyl phenol, benzyl phenol, guajacol, butyl stillene, (di) nitro phenol, nitro cresol, methyl salicylate, benzyl salicylate, mono-, ci-, tri-, tetra- and penta-chlorophenol, chlorocresol, chloroxylenol, anloretnymol, p-chloro-o-cycle-hexyl phenol, p-chloro-o-cycle-hexyl phenol, p-chloro-o-benzyl phenol, p-chloro-o-benzyl-m-cresol and other phenols; 3-papathyl, p-chloro-o-ienzyl-m-cresol and other phenols;

By the selection of such acid, an organic acid residue of the formula:

may be freely and successfully incorporated, in the form of metal ester, into a side chain of a resin, as a terminal group.

As already stated, said R_1 may be any kind of monovalent organic residues, and however, the inventors have also found that when said R_1 is a group of the formula:

in which $\rm R_2$ is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and $\rm R_3$ and $\rm R_4$ each represents a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 12 carbon atoms $\rm R_5$ is a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and $\rm R_6$ is a cyclic

hydrocarbon having 5 to 12 carbon atoms, there is a surprising effect such that it will cause a decrease in glass transition temperature of the produced resin, which in turn produces a plasticizing effect of the resin.

In consequence, there results an increase in film strength and a marked improvement in crack resistance of the formed film. It is also of advantage to the film-forming property of the resin. Therefore, such acids are highly recommended as a monovalent organic acid.

Na metals (e.g. Sn, Pp, Si), Via metals (e.g. Mn), Viib metals (e.g. Cr, Mo), Viib metals (e.g. Mn), and Viii metals (e.g. Fe, Co, Ni) may be used together with said particular metal(s). However, the present invention is characterized by using at least one of zinc, copper and tellurium as metal component, which are lower in an ionization tendency than an alkali metal. These metals are cenerally used in the form of oxide, hydroxide or chloride, but may be used in other forms, as halogenide other than chloride, nitrate, sulfate,

In an ester exchange reaction, if desired, the following tin compounds may be also used together with the aforesaid metal salts of organic acids:

dibutyl tin laurate, dibutyl tin stearate, dicctyl tin 15, laurate, dicctyl tin stearate and the like.

- As the aforesaid other polymerizable unsaturated monomers, any of the known monomers customarily used in the preparation of acrylic or vinyl resins may be successfully used. Examples of such monomers are methyl acrylate, methyl
- acrylate, ethyl acrylate, ethyl methacrylate, propyl acrylate, propyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate, cotyl methacrylate, 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate, 2-ethyl methacrylate, styrene, vinyl teluene, vinyl pyridine, vinyl pyrilisone, vinyl acetate,

vinyl chloride and the like. If desired, hydroxy containing monomers as, for example, 2-hydroxy ethyl acrylate, 2hydroxy ethyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxy propyl acrylate, 2hydroxy propyl methacrylate and the like may also be used. 5 As the resins (d) and (g) which have an organic acid group at a side chain, mention is made of organic acid bearing vinyl resins, polyester resins, oil modified alkyd resins, fatty acid modified alkyd resins, epoxy resins or the like. In the present resin having at a side chain the aforesaid 10 terminal group of monovalent organic acid metal ester bonding every organic acids in the side chains need not necessarily having such a particular metal ester bonding and some of them may be left unreacted in the form of free acid, if desired.

Regarding the molecular weight of the present resin obtained

by either one of the abovesaid methods, there is no particular limitation on it, and however, as a resinous vehicle of an antifouling paint, it is preferably determined in a range of, in terms of number average molecular weight, 4000 to 40000, and more preferably 6000 to 35000.

This is because at a level of less than 4000, the filmforming property of the resin is insufficient and therefore, there is a fear that cracks and peeling of the formed coating are liable to occur, while at a level of more than 40000 storage stability of the coating composition is very poor and more over, there is a necessity of using a large amount of dilution solvent, which may cause additional

problems in both economy and public health.

The resin composition of this invention has a characteristic feature such that when applied on a substrate as submarine structure and the like, thus formed coating is gradually

- hydrolyzed and dissolved out under alkaline atmosphere. Therefore, by making the most of the abovesaid property, numerous aplications including fish net coating, capsulated agricultural chemicals and the like may be expected for the present resin composition. However, one of the most
- 10 important applications is an antifouling paint centaining the same.

As already stated, the present resin, differing from the heretofore known polyester having a number of metal ester bondings in its backborn chain, possesses an amount of metal ester bondings at the end portions of side chains. And, when hydrolyzed under alkaline atmosphere, the known polyester is decomposed into small segments and dissolved out at once, whereas in the present resin, hydrophilic groups are gradually formed at the side chain portions and the resin is dissolved out at the first time when the obscentitation at said sydrophilic groups comes to a certain critical point. Therefore, when used as a resinous vehicle

action can be controlled for a longer period of time.

For an optimum dissolution of the resin in sea water, the metal content is preferably determined in a range of 0.3 to 20%, more presently 0.1 to 10r, by wegith of the resin.

in an antifouling coating composition, the antifouling

This is because, at a level of less than 0.3% by weight, the dissolution rate of the resin is too slow, whereas at a level of more than 20% by weight, it is too high, and both of the cases are undesired for the intended object.

- There is no need of the acid value and hydroxyl number of the present metal containing resin being zero, and certain degree of acid value and hydroxyl number may be permissible providing giving the nature of being insoluble in sea water. More specifically, permissible acid value of said resin is up to 40 KOH mg/g, and more preferably up to 30 KOH mg/g,
 - and acceptable hydroxyl number is up to 200 KOH mg/g, more preferably up to 150 KOH mg/g.

 The present resin composition may be applied as it is as a
- clear coating. However, any of the conventional additives

 as pigment, solvent, and the like may be added to formulate
 an antifouling coating composition. Since the present resin
 composition comprises a resin capable of being hydrolyzed to
 generate an antifouling metal ion and in a preferred
 embodiment, an organic acid having an antifouling property,
- 20 too, it is not always essential to add an additional antifouling agent to formulate an antifouling coating composition.

However, if desired, any of the known organic or inorganic antifouling agent or other toxic material may be added

thereto. Examples of such materials are bis (tributyl tin) oxide, tributyl tin chloride, tributyl tin fluoride, tributyl tin acetate, tributyl tin nicotinate, tributyl tin

- versatate, his (tributy! tin) a, d'-sibromosuccinate, triphenyl tin hydroxide, triphenyl tin nicotinate, triphenyl tin versate, bis (triphenyl tin) d, d'-dibromosuccinate, bis (triphenyl tin) oxide and other organo tin compounds.
- In formulating the present coating composition, any of the techniques customarily used in the related fields may be satisfactorily used. For example, the selected raw materials are combined and mixed well by means of ball-mill, pebble mill, roll mill, speed run mill and the like.
 - 10 The present antifouling coating composition is characterized by providing a coating capable of exhibiting a stabilized antifouling effect for a longer duration of time, which is as effective as known antifouling coating composition based on triongano tin containing acrylic resin. Furthermore,
 - since the present coating composition can be made without the necessity of being fully relied on an expensive and toxic triorgano tin compound, the manufacturing cost can be markedly lowered and hygienic problem can be effectively obviated.
- The invention shall he now more fully explained in the following Examples. Unless otherwise being stated, all parts and percentage are by weight.

Reference Example 1

Preparation of resin varnish A

Into a 4-neck-rillask fitted with a stinner, a reflux condensor, and a dropping funnel, were placed 120 parts of xylene and stiparts of nebutanol and the mixture was heated

to maintain the temperature at 110° to 120°C. To this, a mixture of 60 parts of ethyl acrylate, 25 parts of 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate, 15 parts of acrylic acid, and 2 parts of azobis isobutyronitrile was dropwise added at a constant speed in 3 hours and after completion of said addition, the combined mixture was maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours. Thus obtained varnish A had a solid content of 39.8% and a viscosity of 2.2 poise.

Reference Example 2

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Reference Example

1, were placed 75 parts of xylene and 75 parts of n-butanol
and the mixture was maintained at 110°C. To this, a mixture
of 50 parts of n-butyl methacrylate, 45 parts of methyl

15 methacrylate, 5 parts of methacrylic acid, and 2 parts of
benzoyl peroxide was dropwise added in 3 hours and the
combined mixture was then maintained at the same temperature
for 2 hours. Thus obtained resin solution had a solid
content of 39.8% and a viscosity of 0.8 poise. To this, 46g

20 of 5wt% sodium hydroxide methanol solution were added to
obtain varnish B.

Reference Example 3

Preparation of resin varnish C

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Reference Example

1, were placed 100 parts of xylene and the temperature was
maintained at 100° to 110°C. To this, a mixture of 50 parts
of methyl methacrylate, 42.4 parts of ethyl methacrylate,

7.6 parts of hydroxy ethyl methacrylate, and 1.6 parts of azobis isobutyronitrile was dropwise added in 3 hours and thereafter, the mixture was maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours. Next, 8.4 parts of phthalic anhydride and 8.4 parts of xylene were added and the combined mixture was maintained at 120°C for 2 hours. Thus obtained varnish C had a solid content of 50.2% and a viscosity of 2.2 poise.

Reference Example 4

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Reference Example

1, were placed 50 parts of xylene and 50 parts of methyl
isobutyl ketone, and the mixture was maintained at 90 to
100°C. To this, a mixture of 5 parts of styrene, 5 parts of
malcic anhydride, 90 parts of vinyl acetate and 1.5 parts of
benzoyl peroxide was dropwise added in 5 hours, and the
combined mixture was maintained at the same temperature for
4 hours. Thus obtained varnish D had a solid content of
48.2% and a viscosity of 3.6 poise.

: Reference Example 5

preparation of resin varnish E into a similar reaction vessel as used in Reterence Example 1, were placed 70 parts of xylene and 30 parts of n-butanol and the mixture was maintained at 100 to 110°C. To this, a mixture of 50 parts of methyl methacrylate, 35 parts of n-butyl methacrylate, 15 parts of p-styrene sulfonic acid and 3.2 parts of sporis is Asstyrenitrile was proprise added in 3

hours, and the combined mixture was maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours. Thus obtained varnish E had a solid content of 50.2% and a viscosity of 3.2 poise.

Reference Example 6

- Preparation of resin varnish F

 Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Reference Example

 1, were placed 80 parts of xylene and 20 parts of n-butanol
 and the mixture was heated to 100 to 110°C. To this, a
 mixture of 50 parts of methyl methacrylate, 10 parts of 3-
- 10 chloro-2-azide phosphoxy propyl, 5 parts of 2-hydroxy propyl methacrylate, 35 parts of n-butyl methacrylate, and 1.5 parts of azobis isobutyronitrile was dropwise added in 3 hours and the combined mixture was maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours. Thus obtained varnish F had a
- 15 solid content of 49.9% and a viscosity of 4.3 poise.

Example 1

Into a 4-necked flask fitted with a stirrer, a reflux condenser and a decanter, were placed 100 parts of varnish A, 20 parts of naphthenic acid (acid value 200 KOH mg/g) and

- 7 parts of copper hydroxide and the mixture was heated to 120°C and maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours, while removing the formed water therefrom. (Dehydration amounts 2.5g) Thus obtained varnish V-1 had a green color, a solid content of 51.3% and a viscosity of 2.2 poise.
- 25 A sample varnish was subjected to a reprecipitation with white spirit and Cu content of thus obtained green resin was analyzed by a fluorescence X-rays.

It was bound that the resin contained 6.8wt% of Cu metal. Example 2

Into a 4-necked flask fitted with a stirrer and a reflux condenser, were placed 100 parts of varnish A and 25 parts of copper naphthenate and the mixture was heated under stirring at 80°C for 2 hours.

The mixture was added with 38 parts of xylene to obtain varnish V-2, whose solid content was 39.9% and viscosity was 1.1 poise. Cu content of thus obtained resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1 and was found to be 5.8wt%.

Example 3

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Example 2, were placed 100 parts of toluene, 100 parts of copper hydroxide, 86 parts of methacrylic acid and 275 parts of naphthenic acid and the mixture was heated, while removing the formed water under air bubbling, at 120°C for 3 hours. Next, the remained insoluble substances were filtered to obtain a green colored toluene solutin. From 1R analysis of solid solute, vinyl group and Cu carboxylate were detected. 100 parts of said xylene solution and 110 parts of xylene were placed in a similar reaction wessel as used in Reference Example 1, and the mixture was heated to 100°C. To this, a mixture of 150 parts of methyl

- α methacrylate and 1 parts of azobisisobutyronitrile was
- dropwise added in 3 hours and the combined mixture was maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours. Thus obtained varnish V-: had a solid content of 48.00 and 4

viscosity of 1.8 poise. Cu content of the contained resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 2 and it was found that Cu content was 1.8wt%.

Example 4

- Into a 4-necked flask fitted with a stirrer and a reflux condenser, were placed 100 parts of varnish B, 5.5 parts of stearic acid, 1.7 parts of cupric chloride, and 1.0 part of nickel chloride and the mixture was reacted at 120°C for 2 hours. After filtering, a pale green colored varnish V-4 having a solid content of 38.2% and a viscosity of 1.2 poise was obtained. Metal contents of the contained resin were analyzed in the same way as in Example 2, and it was found that Cu content was 0.5wt% and Ni content was 0.4wt%.
 - Example 5
- Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were placed 100 parts of varnish A and 23 parts of zinc stearate and the mixture was stirred at 120°C for 2 hours and then diluted with 35 parts of xylene.
- Thus obtained varnish V-5 had a solid content of 39.2% and a viscosity of 1.3 poise. The zinc content of the resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1 and was found to be 5.2wt%.

Example 6

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were
placed 100 parts of varnish A, 15 parts of copper
naphthenate and 10 parts of dibutyl tin laurate and the
mixture was stirred at 80°C for 2 hours and then diluted

with 33 parts of xylene.

Inus obtained varnish V-6 had a pale yellow color, a solid content of 39.2% and a viscosity of 1.1 poise. The metal content of the resin was analyzed as in Example 1 and it was found that Sn content was 2.3wt% and Cu content was 2.1wt%. Example 7

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were placed 100 parts of varnish A and 39 parts of zinc salt of 2-mercapto benzothiazole and the mixture was stirred at 120°C for 2 hours and then diluted with 31 parts of xylene

to obtain varnish V-7 having a pale yellow color, a solid content of 46.4% and a viscosity of 1.3 poise. This varnish was subjected to a reprecipitation with methanol and thus separated resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were

15 1. It was found that mind dontent of the mesin was 4.8wt%.

Example 8

placed 100 parts of varnish C and 20 parts of zinc dibutyl dithiocarbamate and the mixture was stirred at 120°C ror 2 hours and then diluted with 20 parts of xylene. Thus obtained pale brown colored varnish-3 had a solid content of 51.2% and a viscosity of 2.1 poise. The metal content of the resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1, and it was round that zinc content was 3.2wt%.

To Example 9

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Repeating the same procedures as in Example a but using lot parts of varnish D, 21 parts of tellurium dietnyl

dithiocarbamate and 20 parts of n-butanol, a redish brown colored varnish V-9 was obtained, whose solid content was 50.2% and viscosity was 3.2 poise. The tellurium content of the resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 7, and it was found to be 6.0wt%.

Example 10

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Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were placed 100 parts of varnish D, 15 parts of zinc salicylate-3H₂O and 15 parts of n-butanol and the mixture was stirred at 120°C for 2 hours to obtain a pale brown colored varnish V-10. The solid content of the varnish was 49.8%, viscosity was 3.6 poise, and the zinc content of the resin was 5.7wt%. Example 11

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were

placed 100 parts of varnish E, 35 parts of copper

naphthenate and 35 parts of xylene and the mixture was

stirred at 80°C for 2 hours to obtain a green colored

varnish V-ll, having a solid content of 50.2% and a

viscosity of 2.8 poise. The copper content of the resin was

analyzed in the same way as in Example 1 and it was found
that the copper content was 5.2wt%.

Example 12

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 1, were placed 100 parts of varnish F, 5.8 parts of p-toluene sulfonic acid, and 3.6 parts of copper hydroxide and the mixture was reacted as in Example 1.

Thus obtained green colored varnish V-12 had a solid content

of 52.7% and a viscosity of 4.0 poise. Using the same procedure as stated in Example 7, the metal content of the resin was analyzed and it was found that copper content was 3.2wt%.

5 Example 13

Into a 4-necked flask fitted with a decanter, a condenser and a stirrer, were placed 20.4 parts of trimellitic encydride, 6.8 parts of phthalic anhydride, 9.7 parts of butyl carbitol, 57.3 parts of coconut oil monoglyceride,

- 10 11.8 parts of coconut oil fatty alcohol, 0.2 part of dibutyl tin oxide and 5 parts of xylene, and the mixture was reacted at 180 to 220°C, while removing the formed water out of the system, for 9 hours. The reaction solution was allowed to cool to 160°C, added with 12.5 parts of succinic anhydride,
- 15 stirred at 160°C for 1 hour and then diluted with 50 parts of xylene and 10 parts of n-butanol.

To this, 13 parts of copper hydroxide and 28 parts of pivalic acid and the combined mixture was reacted, while removing the formed water, at 110°C for 3 hours. After

filtration, a resin varnish (Varnish V-13) having a solid centent of 55.3wt% was obtained. It was found that Gu content of the resin was 4.2wt%.

Comparative Example 1

Ine resin varnish A obtained in Reterence Example 1 was used as Tomparative varnish A.

Wemparative Example 2

Into a 4-neeked flask fitter with a stirrer, a retlux

condenser and a dropping funnel, were placed 100 parts of xylene and it was maintained at 80 to 85°C. To this, a mixture of 50 parts of methyl methacrylate, 40 parts of ethyl acrylate and 1.5 parts of azobisisobutyronitrile was dropwise added at a constant speed in 3 hours and thereafter, the combined mixture was maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours. 10 parts of copper naphthenate were then added and the mixture was stirred at 70°C for 2 hours to obtain Comparative varnish B having a solid content of 50.2% and a viscosity of 5.2 poise. 10

The metal content of the resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1 and it was found that Cu content was less than 0.01wt%.

Comparative Example 3

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 2, were 15 placed 100 parts of varnish A and 24 parts of magnesium naphthenate and the mixture was stirred at 80°C for 2 hours and then diluted with 38 parts of xylene. Thus obtained varnish (Comparative varnish C) had a solid content of 38.8%. The metal content of the resin was analyzed as in 20 Example 1 and it was found that magnesium content was 5.6wt%.

Examples 14 to 28 and Comparative Examples 4 to 6

Using the materials shown in Table 1 and Table 2 and subjecting to a dispersion operation in ball mill for 5 25 hours, the respective coating composition was obtained. Each composition was then applied onto a test plate in about

2004 dry thickness, and thus prepared test plate was attached to Discretor, immersed in sea water (1e° to 23°C) and notated at a constant speed (peripheral speed 35 knots) for 3 months (days and nights). Use-up rate of the coating was determined microscopically. The results are shown in Table 3.

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				Table 1								
	Example		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
	resin											
	varnish	V-1	50									
5		V-2		40								
		V-3			45							
		V-4				40	50					
		V-5						35				
		V-6							45			
10		V-7								50		
	cuprous	oxide	25	30	25	20		25	30	30		
	cuprous	thiocyanate					25					
	zinc wh	ite	10	10	15	15		10		10		
	colloid	al silica	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
15	titaniu	m oxide		5	5	10	10	10	10			
	colcothar		5	5	5	5		5				
	dioctyl	phthalate	5	5		5	5	5				
	n-butan	ol	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
	xylene						5	5	10	5		
20	total		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		

			Table	1 (:					
	Example		22	23	24	25	2.5	27	23
	resin varnish	8-V	50						
	u€'	V-9		45					
		V-10			50	4.5			
		V-11					45		
		V-12						40	
		V-13							35
	cuprous oxide			30	25	15	20	25	25
16	cuprous thiocy	yanate	20						
	zinc white		5	10	5	1.0	5	10	15
	colloidal sil:	ica	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	titanium oxide	9	10	5	5	10	10	10	10
	moincthar			5	5	5	5	5	5
1.15	dioctyl phthai	láti			5	5	5	Ď	5
	n-butanol		3	3	3	ŝ	:	3	3
	xylene		10			5	5		

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		Table 2	-	
			_	
	Comparative Example	4	5	6
	compara. varnish A	45		
	В		40	
5	С			35
	cuprous oxide	25	30	25
	zinc white	10	10	10
	titanium oxide	10	5	15
	colcothar		5	5
10	colloidal silica	2	2	2
	dioctyl phthalate	5	5	5
	n-butanol	3	3	3
	xylene			5
	total	100	100	100

Table 3
Coating use-up rate

	Ежапріе	initial iilm	file thickness	ased up
		thickness(M)	after 3 months(M)	film thickness(4)
5	1 4	195	140	55
	15	210	175	35
	1.6	480	165	15
	17	205	195	10
	18	200	185	15
10	19	185	145	40
	20	200	153	4.5
	21	210	180	3.0
	22	195	1.65	30
	23	190	150	40
15	24	130	135	4.5
	25	2:10	160	5 ()
	2 to	200	? 7 5	23
	27	205	190	15
	28	I 9 5.	145	5.0
**	Compara.E	х.		
	4	205		<u>-</u> .
	<u>.</u> 3	210	ki (v	•
	th	195	iuj	3.

The coating of comparative Example 3 was completely disolved out after 3 months' test.

Next, the respective coating composition of Examples 14 to 28 and Comparative Examples 4 to 6 was applied twice by brushing onto a sand-blasted steel plate previously coated with an anti-corrosive paint, so as to give a coating of 100 μ dry thickness each time. Thus prepared test plate was immersed in sea water for a defined period of time and the

10 This test was conducted at Aioi Bay, Hyogo Pref.

The results are shown in Table 4.

anti-fouling effect was examined.

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Table 4
Antifouling test

(surface area % adhered with submarine livings)

			duration of immersion (nonths)											
5			3	6	و	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
	Example	14	0	0	C	U	0	U	0	C)	0	U	Ü
		15	0	O	0	0	0	0	Э	C	.)	U	0	U
		16	0	O	U	0	U	0	Ü	C)	0	Ū.	20
		17	0	O	U	Ü	U	()	Ü	Ü	.)	Ü	10	20
10		18	0	U	U	0	0	0	Û	С	(1)	i)	0	10
		19	0	0	C	Ō	()	0	0	C	(ب	1)	0	0
		20	U	()	()	0	O	U	0	Ċ		0.	G	5
		21	O	Û	O	Ü	Ű	Û	U	Ü	ڼ	O	0	U
		22	0	O	0	0	Ü	0	0	(!	Ü	0	0	0
15		23	U	Ü	0	. U	()	()	0	()	0	0	C	U
		24	O .	(i	0	. J	U	(t	O	(.	1)	0	Ğ	0
		25	U	Ü	U	j ,	U	(.	υ	Ç	()	U	Ĺ	- C
		26	0	0	O	ε θ	U	Ū	0	Ü	J	0	Ĺ	υ
		27	0	O	()	0	υ	e l	0	Ü	()	Ü	C	0
Ţ.:		28	U	U	()	J	U		. 0	Ų	J	0	9	- o - !
	Compara.	Ex.	1									L		
		4	υ	U ;	100	FJU	ais	cent	inuk	: (i	ed Circ	ist: -	: ::	ior cugh
		į			;		ais	solu	ition	. ct	th⊷	coat	ing.	
		5	0	5	3 C	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
		b	()	5	10	30	103	100 į	100	100	1	j (111)	1:0	130

From the foregoing, it was found that the resin compositions of this invention could result the coatings which were gradually hydrolyzed and dissolved in sea water at an appropriate rate.

- Whereas, in the case of Comparative Example 4 based on Comparative varnish A in which the resin did not bear metal organic acid ester bonding at the end portion of side chains, the coating was rapidly dissolved in sea water because of the soluble nature of the contained resin and the desired antifouling effect could not last over 12 months. In the case of Comparative Example 5 based on Comparative varnish B in which the resin did not bear organic acid in the side chains, no dissolution of the coating was found and thus, the desired antifouling effect was very weak.
- In the case of Comparative Example 6 based on Comparative varnish C, wherein the resin contained magnesium whose ionization tendency was higher than alkali metal, hydrolysis of the resin and hence the antifouling effect were very poor.

20 Example 29

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 1, were placed 100 parts of varnish A, 14.4 parts of 5-quinoline carboxylic acid and copper hydroxide and the mixture was heated to 120°C and maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours, while removing the formed water out of the system. A pale green colored varnish V-14 having a solid content of 50.4% and a viscosity of 2.5 poise was obtained. A sample

amount of this varnish was subjected to a reprecipitation with white spirit, thus obtained resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1 and it was found that Ou content was 3.1wt%

3 Example 30

"Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 4, were placed 100 parts of varnish B, 6.5 parts of sodium triethyl pyrophosphate and 3.3 parts of cupric chloride and the mixture was heated to 120°C and maintained at the same

- therefrom. The reaction mixture was filtered to obtain a varnish V-15, whose solid content was 41.4% and viscosity was 2.4 poise. The copper content of the resin was 1.0wt%. Example 31
- Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 1, were placed 100 parts of varnish A, 21 parts of L-menthol/succinic anhydride half ester and 5.0 parts or copper hydroxide and the mixture was heated to 120°C and maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours, while
- Le memoving the formed water therefrom, to obtain a varnish value of having a solid content of 51.8% and a viscosity of 2.1 poise. This varnish was reprecipitated from n-newane and thus obtained resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1. The copper content or the resin was 7.4wts.

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Into a similar reaction vocame as used in Example 1, were placed 100 partrs of varnish A, 14 parts of 5-11am -urabil-

4-carboxylic acid and 8.0 parts of copper hydroxide and the mixture was heated to 120°C and maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours, while removing the formed water therefrom, to obtain a varnish V-17 having a solid content of 50.9% and a viscosity of 2.4 poise. This varnish was reprecipitated from methanol and thus obtained resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1. The copper content of the resin was 6.9wt%.

Example 33

- Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 1, were placed 100 parts of varnish A, 28.8 parts of penicillin V and 8 parts of copper hydroxide and the mixture was heated to 120°C and maintained at the same temperature for 2 hours, while removing the formed water therefrom, to obtain a varnish V-18 having a solid content of 51.2% and a viscosity of 2.6 poise. This varnish was reprecipitated from methanol and thus obtained resin was analyzed in the same way as in Example 1. The copper content of the resin was 7.2wt%.
- Using the varnishes of Examples 29 to 33 and the materials shown in Table 5 and subjecting to a dispersion operation in ball mill for 5 hours, coating compositions were prepared. The respective composition was applied onto a test plate in about 200 \(\mu\) dry thickness and thus prepared plate was attached to Discrotor, immersed in sea water and rotated at a constant speed for 3 months as in Examples 14 to 28. The test results are shown in Table 6.

Also, a second series of test plates were prepared using a sand-blasted steel plate previously ucated with an anti-corrosive paint and the sea water immersion tests were carried out as in Examples 14 to 28. The test results are shown in Table 7.

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	Example	34	35	36	37	38
	resin varnish					
	V-14	40				
5	V-15		45			
	V-16			50		
	V-17				40	
	V-18					40
	cuprous oxide	30	25	15	25	15
10	zinc white	20	5	10	10	20
	colloidal silica	2	2	2	2	2
	titanium oxide	5	5	10	10	5
	colcothar	5	5	5	5	5
	dioctyl phthalate		5		5	5
15	n-butanol	3	3	3	3	3
	xylene	5	5	5		.5
	total	100	100	100	100	100

Table 6 Coating use-up rate

		initial rilm	film thickness	usea-up
	Example	thickness (μ)	after 3 months (μ)	film thickness(u)
5	3.4	150	() د ا	50
	3.5	190	145	4 5
	3 6	210	160	50
	3 7	205	170	3 5
	ن <i>د</i>	195	145	50
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			Table 7	

Antifouling test

(surface area % adhered with submarine livings)

			ain.	rati	on o	i in	mars	ion	(mon	ths)				
		3	6	ڼ	12	15	13	z .l.	24	27	30	33	3.6	
	Example													
	3.4	()	Ú	0	0	()	U	ij	U	Ċ	()	0	Ü	
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Example 39

Into a similar reaction vessel as used in Example 1, were placed 100 parts of varnish A, 18 parts of di-n-propyl acetic acid and 7 parts of copper hydroxide, and the mixture was reacted as in Example 1 to obtain a green colored varnish V-19 having a solid content of 52.6wt% and a viscosity of 2.8 poise.

The Cu content of the resin was 7.2wt%.

Example 40

Repeating the same procedures of Example 39 but using 15 parts of isononeic acid in place of 18 parts of di-n-propyl acetic acid, a resin varnish V-20 was obtained, whose solid content was 51.2wt% and viscosity was 2.6 poise.

The Cu content of the resin was 7.1wt%.

15 Example 41

Repeating the same procedures of Example 39 but using 10 parts of pivalic acid in place of 18 parts of di-n-propyl acetic acid, a resin varnish V-21 having a solid content of 50.8wt% and a viscosity of 3.2 poise was obtained.

10 The Cu content of the resin was 7.2wt%.

Example 42

Repeating the same procedures of Example 39 but using 24 parts of 2,4-dichlorophenoxy acetic acid in place of 18 parts of di-n-propyl acetic acid, a resin varnish V-22 having a solid content of 51.6wt% and a viscosity of 4.2 poise was obtained.

The Cu content of the resin was 6.4wt%.

examples 43 to 47

Rejeating the same procedures as stated in Example 1 but using the following synthetic fatty acids in place of naphthenic acid, various varnishes (V-23 to V-27) were optained.

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Cu content	of resin (wt%)	9.9	6.4	6.5	6.2		0.9
solid	olo	50.3	51.2	50.6	51.8		52.7
viscosity	poise	2.9	2.2	2.4	. 2 • 6		4.2
varnish	NO.	V-23	V-24	V-25	V-26		V-27
amount	parts	18	22	19	20		28
synthetic	fatty acid	SA-9 1)	SA-13 2)	VA-10 3)	HA-18GA 4)	TCD-carboxylic	acid S 5)
Example No.		43	44	45	46	47	

Note:

(1) branched type monocarboxylic acid, average carbon atoms 9, tade mark of Idemitu Sekiyu

(2) branched type monocarboxylic acid, average carbon atoms 13, trade mark of Idemitu

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(3) branched type monocarboxylic acid, avarage carbon atoms 10, trade mark of Shell Kasei

(4) 2-heptyl-undecanoic acid, trade mark of Mitsubishi Kasei

(5) COOH, trade mark of Hochst AG.

Examples 48 to 56

Using the varnishes of Examples 39 to 47 and the materials shown in Table 8 and subjecting to a dispersion operation in pall mill for 5 hours, various coating compositions were prepared.

With these coating compositions, the same tests, i.e. coating use-up rate test and antifouling test, as given in Examples 14 to 28 were carried out and the test results were shown in Table 9 and Table 10.

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					Table	8					
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	Example		48	49	50	51	52	53	5 4	55	5 6
	varnish	V-19	45								
		V-20		40							
5		V-21			45						
		V-22				40					
		V-23					45				
		V-24						40			
		V-25							45		
10		V-26								45	
		V-27	•								45
	cuprous	oxide	25	25	30	20	15	20	30	30	30
	cuprous	thiocyanate									
	zinc whi	ite	5	15	10	15	15	10		15	15
.5	colloida	al silica	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	titaniur	n oxide		5	5	10	10	10	10		
	colcotha	ar	5	5	5	5		5			
	dioctyl	phthalate	5	5		5	5	5			
	n-butano	ol	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
0	xylene						5	5	10	. 5	5
	total		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 9
Costing use-up rate

	Example	initial film	film thickness	used up
		thickness(μ)	after 3 months (μ)	film thickness(u)
5	48	195	155	40
	49	180	145	35
	5.0	175	125	50
	5.1	200	170	30
	52	185	140	45
1()	5.3	190	140	50
	5.4	210	170	4 Ū
	5.5	180	145	35
	5.6	170	130	40
			Table 10	

Antifouling test

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(surface area % adhered with submarine livings)

duratio of immersion (months)

			3	Ó	g	12	15	18	21	24	27	37)	33	36
	Example	49	U	Ü	0	U	()	Ú	Ú	U		j		Ų
200		49	ij	Ü	O	C	U	U	0	0	Ç)	,)	Ō	Ĉ.
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The test results shown that the antifouling coating compositions of this invention can give a long lasting, excellent polishing antifouling effect in each case.

The inventors have also found that the present antifouling coating compositions are no less better than the heretofore proposed composition with trialkyl tin rich resin, in giving a stabilized, antifouling polishing effect.

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1. A hydrolyzable resin composition consisting essentially of a resin having at least one side chain bearing at least one terminal group of the formula:

M is a metal selected from zinc, copper and tellurium; x is an integer of 1 to 2; R represents an organic acid residue selected from

 R_1 is a monovalent organic residue,

and an organic solvent in which said resin is soluble.

- 2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of an acrylic resin, a polyester resin and an epoxy resin.
- 3. A composition according to plain 1 wherein K is a monovalent organic acid residue having an antitouling property.
- 4. A composition according to claim 1 wherein κ_{1}^{-} represents

in which R_2 is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and R_3 and R_4 each represents a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, R_5 is a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and R_6 is a cyclic hydrocarbon having 5 to 12 carbon atoms.

5. An antifouling coating composition having improved polishing property and consisting essentially of a resin having at least one side chain bearing at least one terminal group of the formula:

M is a metal selected from zinc, copper and tellurium; x is an integer of 1 to 2, R represents an organic acid residue selected from

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{l}}$ is a monovalent organic residue, an organic solvent in which said resin is soluble, a pigment and other optional additives.

- 6. A composition according to claim 5 wherein the resin
 20 is selected from the group consisting of an acrylic resin, a
 polyester resin and an epoxy resin.
 - 7. A composition according to claim 5 wherein R is a monovalent organic acid residue having an antifouling

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 ϵ . A composition according to claim 5 wherein κ_1 represents

- in which $\rm R_2$ is hydrogen on a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and $\rm R_3$ and $\rm R_4$ each represents a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, $\rm R_5$ is a hydrocarbon residue having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and $\rm R_6$ is a cyclic hydrocarbon having 5 to 12 carbon atoms.
- 9. A composition according to claim 5 wherein an antifouling agent is added as the additive.

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